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## BRITAIN SENDS AN INDIAN ARMY OUT OF FRANCE

Entire Corps Leaves Western Battle Front for Another Field of Operations, it is Announced.

DESTINATION IS NOT TOLD  
King George Forwards Address of Praise Through the Prince of Wales.

### LAUDS "COMRADES-IN-ARMS"

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A British Indian army corps has left France for another field of operations, it was officially announced tonight.

At the headquarters of the Indian army corps before it left France, the following address from their king and emperor was delivered to the men by the Prince of Wales:

"More than a year ago I summoned you from India to fight for the safety of my empire and the honor of my pledged word on the battlefield of Belgium and France. The confidence which I then expressed in your sense of duty, your courage and your chivalry you since have nobly justified.

### Sends His Son.

"I now require your services in another field of action, but before you leave France, I send my dear, gallant son, the Prince of Wales, who has shared with my armies the hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name for your services and to express to you my satisfaction.

"British Indian comrades in arms, you have been fellowships in toils, hardships, courage and endurance, often against great odds, in deeds nobly done and in the face of a formidable foe. In the warfare waged under new conditions and in peculiarly trying circumstances, you have worthily upheld the honor of the empire and the great traditions of my army in India.

"I have followed your fortunes with the deepest interest and watched your gallant actions with pride and satisfaction and I mourn with you the loss of many gallant officers and men.

### Give Lives Freely.

"Let it be your consolation, as their pride, that these gallant lives were given in a just cause for the honor of their sovereign and the safety of my empire. They died gallant soldiers and I shall ever hold their sacrifice in grateful remembrance.

"You leave France with just pride in deeds of honor bravely achieved and with my assured confidence that your proved valor and experience will contribute to further victories in the new fields of action to which you go.

"I pray God to bless and guard you and bring you back safely when final victory is won, each to his own home there to be welcomed with honor among his own people."

## Mrs. Emma Folsom Perrine is Dead

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The death of Mrs. Emma Folsom Perrine, mother of Mrs. Frances Folsom Preston, who was Mrs. Grover Cleveland, at Pinetown, N. J., was announced here today by George F. Parker, a close friend of the family. Mrs. Perrine was 75 years old. Her death occurred late last night at the home of Mrs. Preston. After the death of her first husband, Oscar Folsom, who was a law partner of Grover Cleveland, before he was first elected president, Mrs. Perrine spent much of her time with her daughter. Mrs. Perrine lived in Buffalo for a number of years.

## Western College Teachers to Meet

State Superintendent A. O. Thomas will come to Omaha tomorrow, where he will address the fourth annual conference of the Western Association of College Teachers, which will be in session here. His subject will be "A More Reasonable Basis for Certification of Teachers." The meetings will be held at the Hotel Rome.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m., Tuesday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair; rising temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:  
High 54, low 32, mean 43.

Deficiency for the day, 1.1 inches.  
Total deficiency since March 1, 1.1 inches.

Normal precipitation, 1.1 inches.  
Deficiency for the year, 1.1 inches.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.  
Station and State Temp. High-Rain-Weather.

Cheyenne, clear 42 20 0.0  
Denver, clear 44 22 0.0  
Des Moines, clear 44 20 0.0  
North Platte, clear 44 20 0.0  
Omaha, clear 44 20 0.0  
Rapid City, clear 44 20 0.0  
Sioux Falls, clear 44 20 0.0  
Valentine, clear 44 20 0.0

W. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## CALDWELL BURIAL TO BE HELD TODAY

Funeral of Banker to Take Place at All Saints Church.

### BANKS TO CLOSE AT 1 O'CLOCK

Out of respect for President Victor B. Caldwell of the United States National bank, who died Sunday night, all national banks of Omaha will close for the day at 1 o'clock this afternoon, while fellow officers and employees of the deceased banker bear the body to its last resting place.

Decision to close the banks for the funeral was made yesterday at a special meeting of the Omaha Clearing House association. A committee was also appointed to draw up resolutions of sympathy for the family and of regret at the passing of the bank head.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock today at All Saints church, of which Mr. Caldwell was a member. Rev. Thomas J. Mackay, the rector, will conduct the services, both at the church and at Prospect Hill cemetery, where interment will be made.

Active pallbearers will be the following officers and employees of the bank, who have served under Mr. Caldwell for many years:

- W. E. Rhoades, G. H. Yates, R. P. Moran, C. F. Murphy, J. C. McLaughlin, C. N. Thomas, John C. French, C. E. Yost, A. P. Gulon, W. M. Burgess, Frank T. Hamilton, C. H. Thomas, Frank H. Johnson, J. A. Hendle, M. L. Learned, Denver, W. J. McHugh, Robert Davis, B. F. Smith, Denver, W. H. McCord.

Many telegrams of sympathy and condolence have been received by the family and by the United States National bank. The messages came from all parts of the country, both from banking and personal friends of Mr. Caldwell.

All the Omaha banks will have special representations of officers at the funeral as will also the Omaha Clearing house.

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## Alleged Writer of Black Hand Notes Taken Into Custody

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Charles Denigan, alias E. H. Lewis, is in the custody of federal authorities. A letterhead named "Black Hand" was traced to Denigan, who was placed in the hands of Inspector D. A. Collier of Moorhead, which is alleged Denigan wrote. Denigan was first located at Truman, Minn., but was finally picked up at Park Rapids.

In August last, Charles Howells, who operates a large Jersey dairy herd, asked of a Chicago agency to send him a suitable man. He had hired several good men through this agency. When the man giving the name of Denigan arrived Howells did not like his looks and said that he was provoked with the company that would send him such a man.

Denigan did not want him. He replied to Howells that he didn't care to work for such a man. In a few days he received his first threatening letter from him demanding the \$500. Mr. Howells at once placed the letter in the custody of Postmaster W. F. Muse, who turned it over to the inspector. While the inspector was working on the case a second letter was received demanding the \$500 immediately, and if he did not send it that he would "get him." It also threatened to kill some of the Jersey cattle owned by Mr. Howells.

A few nights after this Mr. Howells' house burned to the ground. Just as Inspector Collier picked Denigan up the latter had started for Mason City. In one of the letters in the possession of Inspector Collier is the threat that "I will do you the same as was done by that man in Englewood."

## Edwards Repudiates Supposed Interview

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—Thomas D. Edwards, United States consul at Juarez, Mexico, on arriving today from Little Rock, Ark., denied that he had given any newspaper interview or even a newspaper man at Fort Worth, Tex., from which city dispatches were sent Saturday, quoting him as declaring the Carranza government had used women to corrupt Villa officers.

Mr. Edwards said that he had spoken generally during his trip on the situation in Villa territory in confidence to private individuals, but had no comment upon the Carranza government for publication. He had no recollection of making the remarks attributed to him in dispatches.

## Mr. Bryan Cancels Passage for Europe

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Reports that William Jennings Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed today, but because Mr. Ford himself is returning to this country, Mr. Bryan will not go to Europe.

It was learned here that he had booked passage for himself and Mrs. Bryan on the steamship Rotterdam, sailing tomorrow. But today Mr. Bryan said that because of Ford's return he had indefinitely postponed his trip.

## Receiver Asked for Texas and Pacific

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 27.—Receivership for the Texas & Pacific Railway company was asked in a petition filed here today by the Bankers' Trust company of New York through their local attorneys. Default in payment of interest on bonds is alleged. Hearing was set for January 21.

## AMERICAN AVIATORS HOME FROM SERVICE IN FRENCH CAMPS

Three American aviators who have been "by rumor" killed many times are Lieutenant William Thaw, Elliot Cowdin and Norman Prince. They will remain only eight days and then return to the French aviation camp.



## ARABS TAKE OASIS FROM BRITISH ARMY

Tribesmen Clear Siwah, in Libyan Desert, of English and Seize Materuh.

### SO SAYS TURKISH REPORT

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—(Via Wireless to Sayville.)—Sensational tribesmen, advancing along the Egyptian coast near the Tripolitan border, have driven the British out of Materuh, to which they retired late in November, after a strong Arab force had compelled their retreat from Sollum, according to a Turkish official report received here today from Constantinople.

Clear Siwah. The statement which was dated December 26, follows: "Several detachments of sensational attacks against the British in Egypt. They have cleared the Siwah district completely of British. (The Siwah district is an oasis in the Libyan desert, about twenty miles long and a mile wide, some 300 miles south of Alexandria.)

"One detachment advancing along the coast attacked the town of Materuh, 200 kilometers (about 120 miles) east of Sollum. In the engagement the British commander and 300 soldiers were killed and the rest fled eastward.

"The Mohammedans took from the British, near Sollum and Materuh, a field cannon and a large quantity of artillery ammunition and ten automobiles of which three were armored."

Suffer Small Losses. LONDON, Dec. 27.—The main Arab force which has been operating near Materuh was attacked on Christmas day and dispersed by the British, who suffered small losses, it was officially announced today.

The official statement says: "With reference to the Turkish official communication of the 27th, the war office states that from the 14th to the 24th there was no fighting between our troops and the Arabs on the western frontier of Egypt.

Arabs Dispersed. "On the 25th, the principal Arab force which was located some eight miles from Mersa Matrui (Materuh), was attacked and dispersed with trifling loss to our troops."

The foregoing evidently refers to the Turkish official statement received today from Constantinople by way of Berlin, which, as sent by wireless, bore the Constantinople date of December 26.

Church Damaged by Fire. CAMBRIDGE, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The Catholic church here caught fire yesterday and was damaged at least \$1,000; fully covered by insurance. The fire started from an overheated furnace.

## A Few Still on Hand

The Bee's "Billy" Sunday Special—The handsome 32-page edition containing sermons and action photos.

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## TORPEDO SINKS A FRENCH LINER; MANY SHIPS LOST

Seventy-Nine Killed When Passenger Steamer is Sent to Bottom by Shell of a Submarine Vessel.

VARIOUS CRAFT ARE DESTROYED  
Boat with American-Owned Cargo Worth Two Million Dollars One of Victims.

### NO AMERICANS ON BOARD SHIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Seventy-nine persons were drowned in the destruction of the French liner Ville de la Clotat, the American consul at Malta reported today to the State department. No Americans were aboard. The ship, he reports, was torpedoed without warning at 10:15 o'clock on December 24 and sunk in fifteen minutes.

The American consul reported further that the rescued were picked up by a Moss liner after they had been in small boats two hours. The torpedoed ship, the consul reported, was on its way from Japan, China and Hawaii, to Marseilles.

The lost included one woman, a first class passenger, a stewardess and two children.

Sank Without Warning. PARIS, Dec. 27.—The French steamer Ville de la Clotat, with passengers on board was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine on December 24, the ministry of marine announced today. Most of the passengers and members of the crew had been rescued.

The statement follows: "The steamer Ville de la Clotat was torpedoed and sunk on the 24th in the Mediterranean by an enemy submarine without warning. A majority of the passengers and crew were picked up by an English steamer. Details have not been received."

The Villa de la Clotat was one of the largest steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean. Its gross tonnage was 6,375. It was 487 feet long and 69 feet beam. It was built at La Clotat, France in 1912 and was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles. It was last reported on its arrival at Saigon, Indo-China, on December 1, on a voyage from Yokohama, to Marseilles.

Belgian Steamship Sunk. LONDON, Dec. 27.—Sinking of the Belgian steamer Minerva Bernatt is announced. The crew left the steamer in boat, two of which are missing.

The British steamer Cottingham of 515 tons has been sunk. The crew was saved. The 4,600 ton British steamship Yeddo from Calcutta, November 24, for Boston and New York has been sunk. The crew was saved.

The British steamship Hadley has been sunk and the steamer Umbra beached at the mouth of the Thames with fire forward. The vessel's crew were saved.

Cargo Worth \$2,000,000. BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The cargo of the steamer Yeddo bound for this port and New York from Calcutta, was valued by A. C. Lombard & Co., the local consignees at more than \$2,000,000, although its exact nature was not known as the bills of lading have not yet arrived. When last here, six months ago, the Yeddo was commanded by Captain Brennan and carried fifteen officers and a crew of sixty men.

Steamship Stockholm Held. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Swedish steamer Stockholm reached New York, reporting that on its way from Gothenburg, Sweden, it was taken into Kirkwall by a British cruiser, December 13, and held there three days, while fifty-eight sacks of suspected German mail were removed by the British authorities.

The Stockholm formerly was the Potsdam of the Holland-American line.

American Ship Condemned. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The steamer Solvæg, owned by the American Transatlantic company, has been condemned by the French prize court. The owners will appeal.

Flying a Norwegian flag, the Solvæg was seized while in a French port. Its American papers reached its commander a few days later. Suspected German ownership is given as the cause for detaining the vessel.

## Cosmopolitan Clubs Meet at Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 27.—Twenty-four nationalities were represented among the delegates from thirty colleges and universities gathered here today for the opening of the ninth annual convention of the American Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs. The Harvard Cosmopolitan club is entertaining the convention.

For four days methods of strengthening the cosmopolitan work in American educational institutions will be discussed and there will be addresses on various international topics.

## Governor of North Dakota Seriously Ill at Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, Den. 27.—(Via London.)—Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, a member of the Ford peace party, arrived here today, suffering from influenza. He has a high fever. The governor was admitted to St. Joseph's hospital, Copenhagen. The American legation is caring for him. The American minister, Dr. Maurice Egan, Mrs. Egan and many others have visited the governor or sent flowers.

## Army Should Arrange to Take Nitrogen from Air, Says Crozier

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—To free the United States army from its dependence on nitrates for the manufacture of explosives, Brigadier General Crozier, chief of the ordnance, in his annual report today says the government, if necessary, should develop the electric processes of taking nitrogen from the air.

The country now is dependent for nitrates upon the Chilean fields, which might be cut off in times of war, and a store of sodium nitrate piled up against sudden emergency would not last any considerable time. More liberal handling

## SENOR EDUARDO SUAREZ, Chilean ambassador, heads second Pan-American Scientific congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The second Pan-American Scientific congress, undoubtedly the largest international gathering ever seen in America, started its two-week session here today, with about 1,000 delegates in attendance. Not one of the twenty-one American republics but has sent several of its notable men here to exchange ideas with other leading intellectuals of the western world.

The opening session today was held in Continental Memorial Hall, the president being Senor Don Eduardo Suarez-Suarez, Chilean ambassador to the United States.

## LANSING EXPOUNDS PAN-AMERICANISM

Nations of Western Hemisphere Have Become Guardian of Idea of Internationalism.

### ONE FOR ALL, ALL FOR ONE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A Pan-Americanism of "one for all; all for one" was outlined by Secretary Lansing today at the opening of the second Pan American Scientific congress.

"Pan-Americanism," said the secretary, "is an expression of the idea of internationalism. America has become the guardian of that idea, which will in the end rule the world. Since the European war began other factors have strengthened this natural bond and given impulse to the movement. Never before have our people so fully realized the significance of the words peace and fraternity."

At another point in his address Secretary Lansing said: "If the sovereignty of a sister republic is menaced from overseas, the power of the

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## RUMORS FROM NEAR EAST WAR ARENA DIFFER

One Report Says Bulgars and Turks Are Preparing for a Joint Attack Upon the Allies at Saloniki.

SLAVS ARE HANGING BACK  
Another Story is They Fear They Will Be Caught on Strip Between Railroads.

### ARTILLERY FIRMS IN FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Conflicting reports continue to reach London from the scene of the near eastern campaign.

Statements from some sources make it appear that the Teutonic allies are preparing steadily for an offensive movement, in conjunction with the Bulgarians and Turks. Other advices, however, are that the Bulgarians fear to attack, lest they be caught between two fires in the strip of territory from the Saloniki-Doiran to the Saloniki-Gievogel railroads.

The central powers still are negotiating with Greece. An interview with Premier Skoufendis forecasts failure of the efforts to prevent an invasion of Greek Macedonia. It is estimated that if an invasion is undertaken the Athens government will devote its efforts toward obtaining guarantees of the evacuation of Greek territory immediately following the completion of military operations.

Along the front Paris reports successful artillery action by the French in the Champagne, Woerth and Vosges. Berlin says operations are restricted by incessant rain.

The British public is looking forward with keen interest to today's cabinet meeting. It is expected that the cabinet will consider the report of the Earl of Derby in regard to his enlistment plan, with special reference to the effect of this report on the question whether military service shall be compulsory.

Turks Defeated in Mesopotamia. DELHI, Dec. 25.—(Via London, Dec. 27.)—A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kut-el-Amara was (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

## The Day's War News

PETROGRAD REPORTS victory for the Russians in Persia against a well armed force that included several thousand Persian irregular gendarmes.

ON THE RIGA-DVINSK frontier in Russia the Germans have resumed their activity, according to Petrograd.

FURTHER VICTORIES for the Montenegrins, who are continuing the offensive, is reported to the war office.

GENERAL CASTELNAU, chief of the French general staff, who is in Athens, declared in an interview that it would be impossible for the allied forces to be ousted from Saloniki.

SEVERE REPULSE for the Turks by the British Mesopotamian army at Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris, is reported by the British commander, General Townshend.

KING PETER OF SERBIA arrived at Brindisi, Italy, on Christmas day.

BERLIN HAS RECEIVED reports through Constantinople that the Russian army opposing the Turks in the Caucasus is demoralized from various causes, notably illness and lack of proper equipment.

WASHINGTON HAS BEEN advised by the American consul at Port Said that the Japanese liner Yawata Maru, torpedoed in the Mediterranean last week, was sunk without warning.